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ELENA DELLE DONNE ENGAGED, COMES OUT

'I'M NOT AT ALL GOING TO HIDE ANYTHING'

By Chris Hine and Phil Thompson | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sky guard-forward Elena Delle Donne doesn't feel the need to hide her sexuality anymore. An article in Vogue magazine's August issue states that Delle Donne is engaged to her girlfriend, Amanda Clifton, and it is the first time there has been a public acknowledgement of Delle Donne's sexual orientation.

"I've grown up in a family where I have the most unique sister in the world and we've always been taught to celebrate uniqueness," Delle Donne said Wednesday in Rio, where she is preparing for the Olympics. "It was easy for me to be who I am, and hopefully others can be who they are as well."

Delle Donne had shied away from questions about her dating life in the past, but in recent months she has been more open about sharing her personal side through pictures and posts on social media, many of which have featured Clifton.

"I decided I'm not at all going to hide anything," Delle Donne said. "The biggest thing is respecting Amanda's privacy as well. She's not on the stage, she doesn't need to be interviewed, and I don't want her to have to feel that way.

"As the future keeps moving on, I don't plan on having our relationship out in the public and all this media on it, but obviously there's excitement right now because people see it for the first time."

Delle Donne had a lot of time to wait before the article hit newsstands. She said she was interviewed for the piece "months ago."

It states that the couple, who got engaged June 2, keeps "apartments in both Chicago and Wilmington, Delaware." Delle Donne attended the University of Delaware.

"It was just one of those articles where they came into my home, spent a couple days with me, and Amanda is a huge part of my life," Delle Donne said. "So to leave her out wouldn't have made any sense. It's not a coming out article or anything. I've been with her for a very long time now and people who are close to me know that and that's that."

Clifton has served as director of the De11e Donne Academy, a basketball clinic for girls, since 2014. She played point guard at Illinois State University from 2007 to 2011, and her 17 points in the 2005 Class A girls title game led Rock Island Alleman to its first state championship.

Jim Buzinski, the co-founder of **Outsports.com**, a website devoted to LGBT issues in sports, considers Delle Donne's announcement an important one.

Buzinski said that a male professional athlete coming out would still tend to draw more attention than Delle Donne's revelation, yet "it's still significant. She's a major star and she's going to be on the Olympic team and she's open about her sexual orientation; she's with a woman. To me that's a wonderful bit of news because it's still rare, even in women's sports, to find that."

Four weeks ago, Clifton posted a picture of what appears to be Delle Donne's proposal—Clifton's stooping next to a sign that reads "Marry Me??—and wrote, "I obviously said yes!"

Della Donne said her Sky teammates have known about her relationship with Clifton for a while.

"They know Amanda," Delle Donne said. "She's always around. It's nothing crazy."

Howard Bragman, the publicist who orchestrated NFL player Michael Sam's coming out, said via email: "Elena is a courageous athlete and role model who joins the dozens of 'Out Olympians' in Rio. She has given her life to sport and giving back and her coming out was authentic, honest, classy and perfectly in line with her brand and her character."

Buzinski praised Vogue for how it handled the news, not making the article all about that narrative.

"It was sort of like, this is who she is," he said. "Clearly the way these things work is if they (Delle Donne and her publicists) didn't want this mentioned, they would've said 'off the record' or you can't write about this or whatever. ... This clearly was done with their tacit permission.

"To me this is kind of cool the way this was just sort of slid in there as opposed to being the focus of the story," he said. "That would be the ideal world, we're clearly not yet in."

I'm a delivery worker. Can I ask out a client?

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Dear Anna,
I'm a straight guy in my 20s. I work for a delivery company and come across plenty of very attractive women as I go about my job. I have my eye on one girl in particular, but we haven't done much besides small talk due to the time constraints. Do you think it's a good idea to ask her out? Does she kind of count as a "co-worker"? I don't know. Thanks.
—*Hot For Client*

Dear HFC,
Good question! Lots of advice exists in the realm of dating one's co-worker or boss (don't), but the rules are much more slippery when it comes to dating someone tangential to your employment—a consultant, say, or a vendor, or another sorta-client you interact with occasionally on the job.

My immediate thought was, GO FOR IT, because it seems kind of adorable, and besides, can the premise of so many porn videos be wrong?

I was once asked out by a guy I kinda worked with—we were both assistants, basically, and had to set up meetings for our bosses. We went on one date, discovered we had zero chemistry, and that was that. Nothing good or bad came of it.

But, there are, of course, many factors to consider when trying to turn a co-worker into a BLOWorker (you're welcome). The most pressing is:

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Does your place of employment have a rule about this already in place? Check your employee handbook or ask a higher-up about it if you're unsure, and then behave accordingly.

But even if there isn't a policy against dating clients, most employers frown upon employees asking people out while on the job. Does this girl work at a place you could visit in your off hours, not only so you can talk to her more freely and without time constraints, but also so you're not on the clock? If so, try it. If you're delivering packages to, say, her home, then that strategy is not advisable, especially if you don't want your potential date to become a Fed-Ex prematurely.

Another question to ask yourself is: Are your feelings going to interfere with your ability to do your job or reflect poorly on your employer in a substantial way? If so, proceed with extreme caution.

Either way, I would establish more of a relationship with this person before asking her if she wants to go windsurfing with you. It's unlikely that a come-on will lead to a complaint against you (unless you're creepy or aggressive about it), but it IS a possibility, so take a few extra steps to get to know her before asking her out to ensure your come-on will not be taken badly.

Good luck, HFC. I hope she receives your big package enthusiastically.

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Gabby Douglas competes on the balance beam in June. GETTY IMAGES FILE

GABBY FEST

CAN DOUGLAS REWRITE THE HISTORY BOOKS LIKE SHE DID IN LONDON?

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Most sports, even Olympic sports, skew toward youth. This is especially true in women's gymnastics, where most champions are several years away from legal drinking age.

Gabby Douglas, who made history by becoming the first woman of color to win the all-around gold medal when she accomplished that feat in 2012, is practically ancient in gymnastics years at age 20. This month, she will try to become the first repeat all-around champ since Czechoslovakia's Vera Caslavska did it in 1964 and '68.

Despite her "advanced age," it might take a monumental effort to pry the title from Douglas at the Rio Games. That goes for anyone in the competition, even friend and event favorite Simone Biles.

Douglas was officially named to the team in early July; she and the rest of the American women will open competition Aug. 9. Before she embarked on her request to repeat, she talked to RedEye about shaking off safety concerns, meeting Beyoncé and helping other athletes through Citi's Stand for Progress program (Citi is one of her sponsors).

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Is it at all strange to be a 20-year-old mentor?
For me, it's not really strange. I love it. I love giving little girls inspirational messages, whomever it may be. I love sharing my message with them, and my advice. I've been there and I know what struggle is like, so I love helping them out if they need help.

Is there anything easier about being a 20-year-old gymnast?
I have to say that things are kind of the same, the hours in the gym, the competitions. I would say that the skills are a little easier this time than last time. I guess I'm just a little bit more powerful, and I've matured over the years.

Is there anything you would go back and tell your 16-year-old self if you could?
I would tell my 16-year-old self to keep having fun and enjoy the sport and just never lose that joyful spirit.

You've said you're not worried about the Zika virus while in Brazil. Is there anything about these games that concerns you?
Not really. I just think about the competition and just competing at another Olympic Games, which is such an amazing opportunity. And I feel like you always have these circumstances or these trials and hurdles, and at the end of the day, are you going let it determine your future? Are you going to let it break you? Or are you just gonna say, "Hey, I'm just gonna overcome this"?

What's it like watching Simone Biles develop into the gymnast that she is now?
I love it. She's an amazing competitor and she's a fierce competitor, and I absolutely love watching her compete and watching how she deals with things. She is truly amazing. She really is.

Who inspires you?
My mom inspires me a lot. She's one of my biggest supporters. And she just always tells me to go out there and just fight, have fun and enjoy the process.

Who is someone you've been really excited to meet since you won gold in London?
Beyoncé. She was amazing. I met her at the [NBA] All-Star weekend. I got to talk to her. It was kind of funny because her bodyguards were surrounding her and they were like "Everybody back off," and then they were like, "Gabby, you can go in her little circle." And she was like, "Gabby!" She was so encouraging and so sweet and so nice.

What is the strength of this U.S. gymnastics team?
I think one of our strengths is that team bond that we have out on the floor no matter how everyone does, if you fall, if you make it, we're still a team at the end of the day.

What have you learned about yourself in participating in the Citi program?
For me, I just have to say I'm so honored to be a part of Citi's Stand for Progress because not only does it help me in the gym just pushing and pushing myself to the limit, also in life, it helps me to be so strong and really confident in all that I do. It helps me test and push the boundaries of my ability.

China's synchronized swimming team during the 2012 Olympics
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SUMMER SIZZLE

7 REASONS TO BE PUMPED FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

For just a minute, forget all the depressing news coming out of Rio de Janeiro in the run-up to the Olympics.

Not that you should bury your head in the beach until the games are over. The serious issues facing Brazil and the Olympics themselves deserve just as much attention as any medal handed out, if not more.

It's just that there are so many other stories waiting to unfold that will hopefully overshadow, if only for a brief minute or two, all the dismal realities intertwined with the soul and spectacle of the games. Somewhere in all this head-shaking madness we can find pure moments of joy, right? RedEye's staff is here to help you figure out where to look.

It's not just about the sports

What other event gives you the opportunity to watch two straight weeks of dreams coming true? Because at the heart of everything, that's what the Olympics are. Whether they medal or not, no matter what sport they play or where they're from or how young or old they are, every one of those athletes dreamed of making it to the Olympics. They gave up family parties and school dances and deliciously bad-for-you meals and hours upon hours of sleep to make it to the Olympics. They sacrificed time and money and blood and sweat and tears. They pushed themselves to be the best of the best at that thing they love, at equestrian dressage or modern pentathlon or synchronized diving or whatever other thing that most of the world might not get, but they do, to make it to the Olympics. And there they are! They did it. After all that, they made it to the Olympics. And the whole world is watching and cheering them on. That's pretty damn special.
—Margaux Henquinet, copy editor

Give me style AND substance

The Summer Games for me are all about the gymnastics, and not because it provides the latest in flashy eyeshadow and hair scrunchie trends. I took gymnastics lessons for years, hoping to be 1/16 as talented as amazing athletes like Dominique Dawes and others from the 1996 "Magnificent Seven." How could you not be impressed by the way gymnasts perform unimaginable feats on four different, fascinating events? There's no thrill like watching a floor routine and seeing the gymnast step her way to the corner of the mat before a tumbling pass. If you've never seen an Olympic dismount off the uneven bars, you haven't lived. Don't even get me started on the balance beam, and the gasps it elicits when a gymnast flips up and lands straddling it. Or the vault, and the rush of energy you get seeing them sprint toward the springboard. My advice: Get ready to hold your breath. Gymnastics is the best.
—Michelle Lopez, digital editor

No sleep needed for a few weeks

I watch the Olympics because they're an absolute gold mine for a night owl like me. Sure, you've got your run-of-the-mill swimming, track and field, and gymnastics events during daytime and primetime, but it's during the off hours that the less mainstream sports get screen time. That's when you get to watch archery, canoe slalom and other events that are so much more interesting to watch than people running in circles or swimming back and forth in a pool. I really have no excuse to stay up late this year—former reasons have included unemployment (during London 2012) and working late nights at my school paper (Vancouver 2010) and this one (Sochi 2014)—but that's not going to stop me from tuning in past midnight for some hard-core Olympic badminton. *—Elise De Los Santos, executive editor*

It looks so easy, and then it doesn't

While actual tennis is anticlimactic at the Summer Games (how is this tournament even close to any of the majors?), its tabletop cousin seizes the Olympic stage with abandon. Table tennis always looks like something the weekend warrior should be able to conquer. Then you see the true masters swat the ball moving at lightning speeds in a confined space and you realize the chances of you competing with them are about as high as you owning a bobsled. And don't even get me started on doubles. *—Chris Sosa, sports editor*

Wish I could do that

The only thing I'm looking forward to is the gymnastics competitions. I just can't get enough of the extreme flipping, bending, balancing and more the young athletes do. And since I can't contort my body into ANY of those positions, I'll happily live vicariously through them while sitting motionless on my couch at home.
—Rianne Coale, reporter

Be glad synchronized diving is a thing

A person hurling themself off a 10-meter-high platform and twisting their body through all kinds of flips and turns on their way down is stunning enough. Multiply that by two and you get the mind-boggling sport of synchronized diving. It leaves me with a lot of questions: Who decided this should be a thing? How do you synchronize such rapid, complicated movements, especially given that you're flying through the air? With a lot of midair yelling in practices? With a metronome? Just, what? How? It blows my mind every time, and I can't wait to watch it again.
—Margaux Henquinet

See them before everyone realizes they're cool

There are three sports at the Olympics that I watch and wonder why they're not at least slightly more popular than they are: handball, field hockey and water polo. They closely resemble soccer, hockey and basketball, and maybe someday the Summer Games will launch them into our national consciousness permanently. For the time being, there's more than enough sizzle to pique my interest. Water polo in particular is fascinating given the endurance (you're swimming most of the time and can't touch the bottom of the pool) and physical punishment (often someone's practically trying to drown you) involved. *—Chris Sosa*

HOW TO WATCH THE OLYMPICS

Thanks to the NBC empire featuring coverage across NBC, MSNBC, CNBC, NBC Sports, Telemundo, Bravo, Golf Channel, USA, NBC Universo and specialty channels, watching the Olympics on TV will be easier than ever. Of course, you couldn't watch all 6,755 hours of programming through Aug. 21 even if you wanted to, so this will make it more manageable.

IF YOU LIKE YOUR HEARTSTRINGS PULLED
NBC: As usual, the network's top anchors will guide viewers through the most sought-after events And expect the usual mix of interviews and heartfelt features on athletes.

IF YOU LIKE WINNING
NBC Sports: This network will mainly feature the American men's and women's basketball teams as well as the women's soccer team, all three of which are favored to take home gold.

IF YOU LOVE NATURE
Golf Channel: Seeing as the Olympic course is inhabited by owls, monkeys, small alligators and giant rodents, it's a good bet they'll make an appearance.

IF YOU LIKE BIG NAMES
Bravo: Will feature tennis coverage. Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray are among the favorites to win gold.

IF YOU LIKE DRAMA
CNBC: CNBC will showcase elimination-round coverage of basketball, volleyball, archery, beach volleyball, rugby, wrestling, water polo and other sports.

DON'T HAVE CABLE?
Unfortunately, you need to be a cable subscriber to watch live coverage on the NBC Sports app or **NBCOlympics.com**. Yet there are alternatives:

Get an antenna: Pro: Yes, those are still a thing, and a decent one should only cost about $30. **Con:** You'll only be able to access NBC and Telemundo.

Internet TV: Pro: Sling TV or PlayStation Vue can get you access to virtually all the Olympics coverage, and you have some options to pick the networks you want. **Con**: Costs can add up quickly once you've burned through the free trial periods.

Go to a friend's house: Pro: Almost 19 days of bonding time! Just remember to shower and bring your host a gift or two to say thanks. **Con:** It's not exactly convenient, and you'll probably have to buy your friend a lot of beer.

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WATCH THIS

The best of the Olympics this weekend

SATURDAY

GYMNASTICS
The men face qualifying for the team, all-around and event finals. (12:30 p.m.)

SOCCER
The U.S. women take on France in a battle of medal contenders. (3 p.m.)

SWIMMING
Get ready for a whole lot of swimming, which should be exciting if you're a fan of the U.S. The women's 400-meter freestyle relay caps the night; the Americans took bronze in 2012. (8 p.m.)

SUNDAY

SHOOTING
Corey Cogdell-Unrein, wife of Bears defensive lineman Mitch Unrein, aims for gold in the women's trap event; she took bronze in 2008. (1 p.m.)

GYMNASTICS
The women face qualifying for the team, all-around and event finals. (3:30 p.m.)

SWIMMING
Katie Ledecky, the world record-holder in the 400-meter freestyle and one of the faces of these Olympics, will try to win gold. (8 p.m.)

Chicago's lucky the Olympics ended up in Rio

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"Blame it on Rio" will be a popular headline/hashtag this month.

No, Hollywood isn't rebooting the 1984 Michael Caine-Demi Moore rom-com, as it has done with seemingly every '80s film these days. Rather, it's the reality of Rio de Janeiro, awarded this Summer Olympiad over Chicago and two other finalist cities in 2009, failing miserably as a host city.

#SochiProblems were very real in 2014, but they're downright cute compared to **#RioProblems**.

Despite the fact that I wrote for the official Chicago 2016 channel in the push to bring the games here, I was relieved when I learned my hometown wasn't getting the Olympics. This despite the fact that I know Chicago would have done a much better job preparing for them than Rio.

However, just because you can do something better than someone else doesn't mean you should. Our city grapples with many of the issues Rio faces. Both cities are all too familiar with gang violence, conflicts with police, corrupt local government, crumbling infrastructure and large neighborhoods defined by crippling poverty.

As Shakespeare wrote, "what's past is prologue," and if you knew Chicago's past history that fateful day in 2009, you also realized that Rio didn't actually "beat us out." While a Summer Olympics brings numerous problems for the host city, most of the issues fade from the public consciousness in time.

There is one problem, however, that inevitably lingers for decades: the diversion of public funds to subsidize privately owned sporting venues.

Taxpayer dollars, which are used to build bridges, make parks safe and pay our first responders, should never, ever be used to finance facilities we cannot enter without first paying a $150 cover charge.

Or as C. Montgomery Burns, the supervillain from "The Simpsons," put it: "Welcome to the American dream. A billionaire, using public funds, to construct a private playground for the rich and powerful."

This extreme graft goes beyond American pro sports leagues. It's the elephant in every Olympic room. "The Big Owe" is what Montreal residents call their Olympic Stadium. Constructed for the 1976 games at a cost more than double original estimates, the city finally paid it off—in 2006. Meanwhile, the venue hasn't had a primary tenant since 2004.

This is the exact kind of financial bullet, fired by the International Olympic Committee, that Chicago dodged and Rio must now absorb. Although Soldier Field was very much a part of the final Chicago Olympic plan, it was not the proposal's equivalent of the Olympic Stadium. The final pitch called for a $366 million temporary stadium to be built in Washington Park. After the games, the plan called for the facility to be converted into a 10,000-seat amphitheater.

In other words, the city's Olympic epicenter was to be in a neighborhood that borders Englewood and Park Manor, two areas of the city that unfortunately are grappling with frequent violent crime.

The city would have spent almost $400 million on a venue with a shelf life of about a month. Then it would have ended up with a brand-new, multipurpose facility with no regular tenant to fill it. You don't need an MBA to realize Chicago likely would have been facing its own "Big Owe" debacle. Thank goodness Rio "won."

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Illinois' finest set to rock Rio

Chicago Tribune
If you needed more incentive to watch the Rio Olympics, the 52 athletes with strong ties to Illinois are a great place to start.

Morolake Akinosun, Aurora
track and field (400m relay) – U.S.
One of six candidates for four spots on the 400-meter relay team.

Haley Augello, Lockport
wrestling (48kg/105.5 pounds) – U.S.
Named girls high school wrestler of the year in 2012 and 2013, then won two national titles at King University in Tennessee.

Margaret Bamgbose, Evanston
track and field (400m) – Nigeria
Earned 11 All-American honors at Notre Dame, including a fourth-place finish in the 400 at the 2016 NCAA Championships.

Gwen Berry, Southern Illinois
track and field (hammer throw) – U.S.
Holds the U.S. record of 250 feet, 4 inches in the hammer throw.

Jimmy Butler, Bulls
basketball – U.S.
Bulls swingman has made two All-Star teams, three All-Defense teams and was named the 2015 Most Improved Player.

Andrew Campbell Jr., Barrington
rowing (lightweight double sculls) – U.S.
Grew up sailing Lake Michigan before competing at Harvard.

Kelsey Card, Carlinville
track and field (discus) – U.S.
Named 2015 Big Ten field athlete of the year after placing second in the NCAA in shot put and discus.

Carolena Carstens, Glen Ellyn
taekwondo – Panama
Will compete for Panama, where her mother is from, for the second time. She lost both matches in the 2012 Olympics as a 16-year-old.

Tamika Catchings, Lincolnshire
basketball – U.S.
Indiana Fever star was Ms. Basketball of Illinois in 1995 after leading Stevenson to the AA title.

Kevin Cordes, Naperville
swimming (100m, 200m breaststroke) U.S.
Holds the U.S. record and won 2014 NCAA titles for Arizona in both his events.

Elena Delle Donne, Sky
basketball – U.S
Sky guard-forward was the WNBA's rookie of the year in 2013 and the 2015 MVP.

Daniel Dennis, Ingleside
wrestling (57kg/125.5 pounds) – U.S.
Helped Iowa win three national titles and was a two-time IHSA runner-up.

Troy Doris, Bolingbrook
track and field (triple jump) – Guyana
Both his parents are from Georgetown, Guyana. Was an All-American at Iowa.

Lauren Doyle, Boody
rugby– U.S.
Will play center for the U.S. sevens team as rugby returns to the Olympics for the first time since 1924. She competed in rugby and track at Eastern Illinois.

Conor Dwyer, Winnetka
swimming (400m freestyle, 800m relay) – U.S.
Was NCAA swimmer of the year in 2010 and 2011 for Florida and won two gold medals (400 free, 800 relay) in the 2012 Games.

Kiana Eide, Northbrook
rhythmic gymnastics – U.S.
Trains with the entire U.S. rhythmic gymnastics team at North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center in Highland Park.

Kent Farrington, Chicago
equestrian – U.S.
Has 75 first-place finishes since 2011, including the $200,000 2016 FEI World Cup.

Sylvia Fowles, former Sky
basketball – U.S.
Won gold with the U.S. in 2008 and 2012.

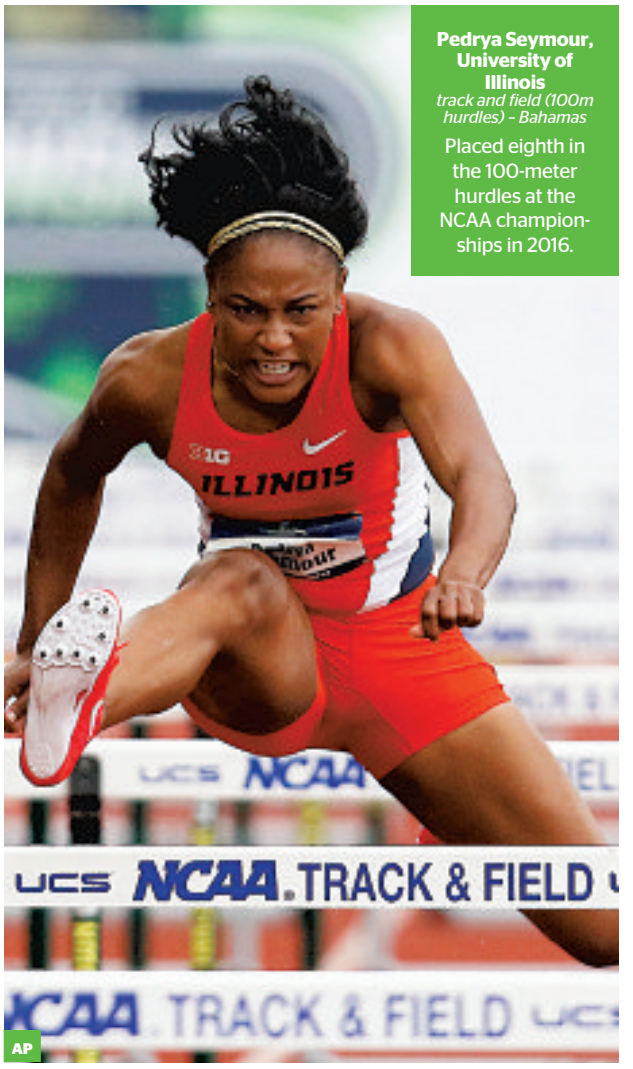
Naomy Grand'Pierre, University of Chicago
swimming (50m freestyle) – Haiti
The sophomore-to-be at Chicago is one of 11 athletes competing for Haiti and the nation's first women's swimming qualifier.

Valerie Gruest Slowing, Northwestern
swimming (800m freestyle) Guatemala
The incoming freshman's mother competed for Guatemala in the 1984 Olympics. Valerie holds national records in the 100, 200, 400 and 800 freestyles.

Annie Haeger, Lake Forest
sailing (470 two-person dinghy) – U.S.
Chicago native was the Female College Sailor of the Year in 2011 at Boston College.

Ryan Held, Springfield
swimming (400m relay) – U.S.
Set IHSA records that still stand in the 50- and 100-meter freestyles.

Thomas Jaeschke, Wheaton
volleyball – U.S.
Led Loyola to NCAA titles in 2014 and 2015 before turning pro after being named the national player of the year as a junior in 2015.



Pedrya Seymour, University of Illinois
track and field (100m hurdles) – Bahamas
Placed eighth in the 100-meter hurdles at the NCAA championships in 2016.

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Evan Jager, Algonquin
track and field (3,000m steeplechase) U.S.
A two-time national champion and the U.S. record-holder in his event, finishing sixth at the 2012 Games.

Julie Johnston, Red Stars
soccer – U.S.
Started every match for the 2015 World Cup champions.

Ben Kanute, Geneva
triathlon – U.S.
Won the 2012 and 2013 USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship while at Arizona.

Lauren Kieffer, Mount Carmel
equestrian – U.S.
Began riding when her father traded his motorcycle for her first horse, Fred, an old Appaloosa gelding, when she was young.

Madison Keys, Rock Island
tennis – U.S.
Reached the WTA's Top 10 for the first time in June and reached the semifinals of the 2015 Australian Open.

Natalie McGiffert, Northbrook
rhythmic gymnastics – U.S.
Trains with the entire U.S. rhythmic gymnastics team at North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center in Highland Park.

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Nikola Mirotic, Bulls
basketball Spain
Montenegro native became a naturalized citizen of Spain and was an All-Rookie first-team selection in 2015 for the Bulls.

Sandi Morris, Downers Grove
track and field (pole vault) - U.S.
Competed collegiately at North Carolina and Arkansas.

Kelly Murphy, Wilmington
volleyball – U.S.
Was a four-time All-American and 2010 SEC player of the year at Florida. Has played for the national team since 2013.

Ryan Murphy, Chicago
swimming (100m, 200m backstroke) U.S.
Backstroke specialist swept 100 and 200 NCAA titles past three years at California.

Alyssa Naeher, Red Stars
soccer – U.S.
Was NWSL goalkeeper of the year for the Boston Breakers. The Red Stars acquired her in a trade in 2015. She was on the roster for last year's World Cup victory.

Tim Nedow, DePaul
track and field (shot put) – Canada
He is the first DePaul thrower ever to qualify for the Olympics.

Chirine Njeim, Chicago
marathon – Lebanon
Will join the 132 previous athletes who have competed in the Winter and Summer Games. She skied for Lebanon in three previous Olympics.

Andres Nocioni, former Bull
basketball – Argentina
Set for his fourth Olympics. Played for the Bulls from 2004-09.

Thomas Pieters, University of Illinois
golf – Belgium
Won the 2012 individual NCAA Championship and helped the Fighting Illini finish second in 2013.

Aisha Praught, Moline
track and field (steeplechase) – Jamaica
Competed at Illinois State.

Christen Press, Red Stars
soccer – U.S.
Helped the U.S. win the 2015 World Cup and has scored 20 goals in 31 games for the Red Stars.

DeAnna Price, Southern Illinois University
track and field (hammer throw) – U.S.
Won two national titles for Southern Illinois.

Andrew Riley, University of Illinois
track and field (110m hurdles) – Jamaica
Finished 24th in the 110 hurdles in the 2012 Olympics and was a four-time NCAA champion for the Fighting Illini.

Kelsey Robinson, Bartlett
volleyball - U.S.
Was Big Ten player of the year for Nebraska in 2013 and the SEC player of the year for Tennessee in 2011.

Monica Rokhman, Northbrook
rhythmic gymnastics – U.S.
The 2015 Glenbrook North grad is a local native, unlike most of her teammates who train at North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center in Highland Park.

Raven Saunders, Southern Illinois University
track and field (shot put) – U.S.
Transferred from SIU to Mississippi after her freshman year. Her shot put of 63 feet, 1.25 inches set an NCAA record.

Kristen Shaldybin, Highland Park
rhythmic gymnastics – U.S.
Trains with the entire U.S. rhythmic gymnastics team at North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center in Highland Park.

Olivia Smoliga, Glenview,
swimming (100m backstroke) – U.S.
Won the 50 free for Georgia at the 2014 NCAA Championships and the 100 backstroke at this year's Olympic Trials.

Ashley Spencer, University of Illinois
track and field (400m) – U.S.
Became the first freshman to win the 400 meters since Sanya Richards-Ross in 2003. She won again as a sophomore.

Jordan Wilimovsky, Northwestern
swimming (1,500m, 10k) – U.S.
Became the first American to qualify for the Olympics in the pool and open water in the same Olympics.

Laura Zeng, Libertyville
rhythmic gymnastics – U.S.
Her eighth-place finish at the 2015 World Championships was the best ever for a U.S. rhythmic gymnast.

Zach Ziemek, Itasca
decathlon – U.S.
Set Big Ten records in the decathlon and heptathlon at Wisconsin and was a four-time All-American.

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Fest Planner Aug. 5-7

CHICAGO HOT DOG FEST, EDGEFEST AND MORE

By Heather Schroering | REDEYE

Relish this weekend as Chicago Hot Dog Fest returns to honor the city's signature doggy style. But the fun doesn't stop there. Six more fests with plenty of food, art, music and culture include Taste of Lincoln Avenue, Black Harvest Film Festival, EdgeFest, Wrigleyville Summerfest and first-timers South Loop Beer & Cider Fest and Tacos and Tamales Festivale. @OHITSHEATHER | HSCHROERING@REDEYECHICAGO.COM

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Tacos and Tamales Festivale

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Where: 16th and Peoria streets
How much: $5 suggested donation
The skinny: Mexican street food is the star of this first-time fest in Pilsen, which is modeled off of tianguis, or Mexican open-air markets. Get a taste with vendors Yvolina's Tamales, DeColores, Dia De Los Tamales and more. Along with art and craft merchants, the fest includes live entertainment, such as traditional dance, mariachis and Latin pop rock.

Wrigleyville Summerfest

Wrigleyville Summerfest

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and noon-9 p.m. Sunday
Where: School Street and Seminary Avenue
How much: $5 suggested donation
The skinny: The 14th annual block party celebrates with arts, music and food, including bites from Jet's Pizza and more. Check out sets from Live Bait & the Bobbers covering Ray Charles, James Brown and more blues and funk tunes (2:30 p.m. Saturday) and '80s rock tribute band Hairbanger's Ball (7 p.m. Sunday). There's also clothing from Mainstream Boutique, art from Glazed Pottery Shop and more vendors.

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Taste of Lincoln Avenue

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Where: Lincoln Avenue between Wrightwood and Fullerton avenues
How much: $10 suggested donation
The skinny: New Jersey rock band Blues Traveler headlines this Lincoln Park fest in its 33rd year. Catch them on the main stage (8:30 p.m. Sunday) along with 2000s pop star Aaron Carter (4:45 p.m. Saturday) and more live music throughout the two-day event. On the food front, nosh on treats from about a dozen restaurants including Taco in a Bag, Paulina Meat Market and Sweet Station. New this year is a wine tasting where festgoers can try up to 15 varietals for $30. Plus, shop the arts and crafts fair with more than 60 vendors.

Taste of Lincoln Avenue
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Black Harvest Film Festival

When: Friday through Sept. 1, times vary
Where: Gene Siskel Film Center (164 N. State St.)
How much: Prices for individual events vary. Festival passes: $55 (includes six screenings and a popcorn per film). Tickets: **siskelfilmcenter.org/blackharvest**
The skinny: The 22nd annual fest billed as Chicago's black film festival screens more than 50 independent films about black heritage and experiences from local, national and international filmmakers. The fest kicks off Friday with Activate: See, a free party in Couch Place Alley (170 N. State St.) where highlights from the festival will be projected on the building walls (5-10 p.m.), followed by a screening of "Purple Rain" at the Siskel ($5, 9:30 p.m.). On Saturday, A Black Harvest Feast opening ceremony screens six short films, including local filmmaker William Adams' date-night comedy "A 3rd First" ($20-$25). Throughout the month, catch panels, workshops, filmmaker appearances and more.

Chicago Hot Dog Fest
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Chicago Hot Dog Fest

When: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
Where: Stockton and LaSalle drives
How much: Free admission, food tickets vary (purchase at gate)
The skinny: Wiener takes all at the Chicago History Museum's annual fest celebrating the Chicago-style hot dog. Grab dogs from Chubby Wieners, Fatso's Last Stand, Byron's Hot Dogs and more. Up your hot dog knowledge at panel discussions, including Is a Hot Dog a Sandwich? (4 p.m. Friday), Pairing Hot Dogs with Beer (5 p.m. Saturday) and Never Put Ketchup on Your Chicago Hot Dog (3 p.m. Sunday). Jam out at the live music stage with bands such as American English with Beatles covers (6:30 p.m. Friday), indie soul band JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound (7 p.m. Saturday) and pop tribute Catfight (6 p.m. Sunday).

South Loop Beer & Cider Fest

When: 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Women's Park and Gardens (1801 S. Indiana Ave.)
How much: General admission: $49, VIP: $79, designated driver: $15-$30. Tickets: **eventbrite.com**
The skinny: Kicking off this inaugural fest are more than 26 craft breweries, meaderies and cideries, including Right Bee Cider, Virtue Cider, Wild Blossom Meadery and Finch's Beer Co. Between sips, grab munchies from food trucks and vendors, such as Da Lobsta, The Tamale Spaceship, Pies-N-Cones and more. General admission includes 25 sample tickets and a souvenir glass, while VIP includes early entry at 3 p.m., 35 sample tickets, access to a rare beer garden with light appetizers and more.

EdgeFest
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EdgeFest

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday
Where: Broadway between Thorndale and Ardmore avenues
How much: $5 suggested donation
The skinny: With live music, food and local art, the fifth annual Edgewater event is the truest form of street fest. On two stages, catch cover bands such as country tribute Suburban Cowboys (6 p.m. Saturday, North Stage) and Stache with rock and dance hits from the '80s onward (5 p.m. Sunday, North Stage) plus other live entertainment, including the Chicago Spirit Brigade with four performances throughout the weekend. Plus, shop art and craft vendors and chow down on food from Mas Alla del Sol, Tina's Italian Ice and more.

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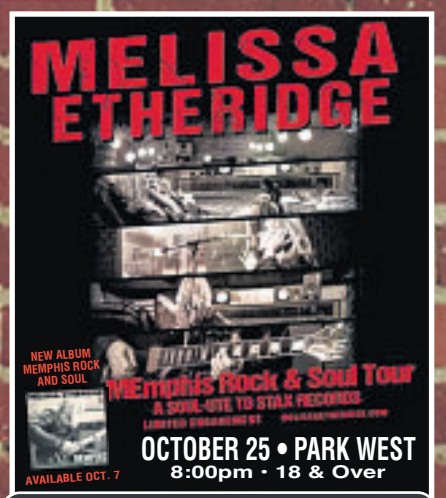

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Fried chicken, small plates and Chicago's best patio?

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For a chef, closing one restaurant and opening a new one in the same space is a delicate affair. Especially when the shuttered restaurant is as iconic as Table Fifty-Two, where Art Smith (former personal chef to Oprah, among other notables) served fried chicken and other Southern fare to Chicagoans for eight years.

There are the longtime diners who don't want you to change a thing. The diners who like you but are ready for a switch. And the diners who never came to the old place but may fall in love with a new one. Again, delicate.

"I think one thing we learned with Table Fifty-Two was that people were really treating us as a special-occasion place. Our food was so rich, the prices were high, the vibe was a little bit sophisticated," said chef Todd Hawkesworth, who started working with Smith in 2009. "We wanted to become more affordable, lighter, more casual—to invite the neighbors to come every day if that's their thing."

Smith describes the space—a former coach house—as "the perfect stage" for a neighborhood restaurant. Table Fifty-Two had a wonderful run, he says, and now it's time for a new show.

Enter Blue Door Kitchen & Garden, which opened a few weeks ago with a redesign spot-on for a clean segue. The dining room is as warm as ever, only now in homey blues instead of gleaming golds. There are a few design holdovers that nod to the old space, like the central chandelier and a painting on the west wall featuring a woman surrounded by oranges. But plenty is different too: The white tablecloths are gone, a bar now invites solo diners and a patio lives in what was once a side parking lot, strung with charming lights and ready to seat about 40 guests on plump-pillowed wicker chairs.

Chef Rey Villalobos, another Table Fifty-Two vet, is running the kitchen with Hawkesworth. This Blue Door is a partnership with Blue Door Farm Stand, the Lincoln Park salad and sandwich cafe that pulls in most of its ingredients from local farms. Here, too, it's all about the local farmers—Spence Farm in Fairbury for produce, Prairie Farms in Carlinville for dairy—and the better-for-you fare, including a high-protein "power grains" bowl with dried fruit, hazelnuts and pickled carrots ($9); salmon with rutabaga latkes and Brussels sprouts ($23); and lots of small-plate and sharing options.

This is alongside some of the Southern mainstays that made Table Fifty-Two famous: fried chicken ($22; prepared the same as always, though now made with local free-range chicken, Hawkesworth says), shrimp and grits ($16) and fat slices of hummingbird cake ($9), crowned with a lick-the-plate frosting made from cream cheese from Pennsylvania's Level Valley.

"We have a pretty new face-lift, but we still have the same old soul," Smith said.

Meanwhile, the cocktails practically beg you to sit on the patio and enjoy summer while it lasts: There's one with gin, rhubarb, egg whites and raspberry; another mixes blanco tequila, grapefruit, fresno chilies and lime.

"I think we have the best patio in Chicago," Hawkesworth said. "I don't think you can beat it, especially if you're looking for something that pulls you away from the city."

4 Chicago eateries make Bon Appetit Top 50 list

Boeufhaus
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Roister
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By Morgan Olsen | REDEYE

The foodie powers that be have spoken. Bon Appetit magazine has released its list of top new restaurants across the country, and four Chicago eateries made the cut. On Aug. 16, the list will be narrowed down even further to reveal the top 10 picks, which are lovingly referred to as the "Hot 10." Until then, give it up for these deserving newbies:

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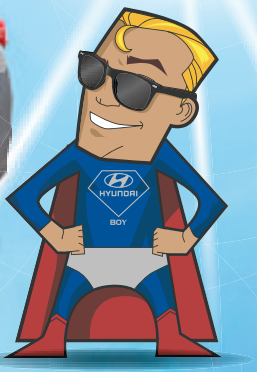

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The Sancho Panza cocktail
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Sherry moves out of Grandma's cupboard

By Laura Levy Shatkin | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Expressive and seductive, sherry is in the midst of a revival. Once known as the beverage of choice by your grandmother, the Spanish fortified wine has piqued the interest of modern mixologists who admire its versatility.

Sherry ranges from dry manzanilla and fino to aged oloroso. Its minerality allows bartenders to add a rich umamilike depth of flavor to cocktails. The earthy, oaky notes give a deep base tone to such spirits as whiskey, bourbon, mezcal and gin. The rounded sweetness is also a bonus. It's increasingly popping up as a mixer in refreshing summer cocktails.

Anne Marineau, bar manager at Black Bull, a Spanish tapas eatery in Wicker Park, has one of the largest sherry programs in Chicago, with more than 30 cocktails and 40 by-the-glass or bottle options. "I love working with sherry because it's so versatile," she says.

"We use it to make syrups, as the modifying ingredient or as the base ingredient," Marineau says. "It's one category that gives you hundreds of options to work into a cocktail."

When she looks for a sweetening agent with more body and dimension than sugar, she uses Pedro Ximenez, the rich dessert sherry. Alternatively, to balance a sweet-leaning cocktail, Marineau reaches for manzanilla "because it will help dry out the sugar, while the briny, salty quality brings out the natural flavors of the other ingredients," she says. One of her favorites: The Sancho Panza.

Kelly Peterson Bates, beverage director at The Boarding House in Chicago says her Midnight Manhattan cocktail is the restaurant's biggest seller. "We wanted the layers of flavor that a sherry provides a cocktail, so we added fino sherry into a somewhat classic Manhattan," she says. "It actually adds a bit of acidity to the drink, rounding out the other ingredients and creating balance, while contributing a subtle nuttiness."

Whether you are rounding off the sweetness of your cocktail or looking to impart a subtle dimension, sherry offers a multitude of options.

Sancho Panza

Makes: 1 drink // From Anne Marineau of Black Bull.

2 tablespoons coarse salt
1 tablespoon ground sage leaves, plus fresh leaves for garnish
1 ½ ounces manzanilla sherry
¾ ounce mezcal
¾ ounce lime juice
¼ ounce ginger syrup
½ ounce sage syrup

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Crush the salt and sage leaves together with a mortar and pestle. Use to coat half the rim of a cocktail glass, wetting the rim then dipping it into the mixture.
2. Shake the remaining ingredients in an ice-filled cocktail shaker; strain into the glass over crushed ice. Garnish with sage leaves.

SYRUPS

For the ginger syrup, heat ¼ cup water to a boil in a saucepan. Add ¼ cup finely diced ginger and ¼ cup sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves. For the sage syrup, use 4 sprigs fresh sage to ¼ cup water and ¼ cup sugar. Allow to steep off the heat until infused, 1 hour or more.

Midnight Manhattan

Makes: 1 drink // From Kelly Peterson Bates of The Boarding House.

1 ½ ounces bourbon
1 ounce amaro, such as Amaro Nonino
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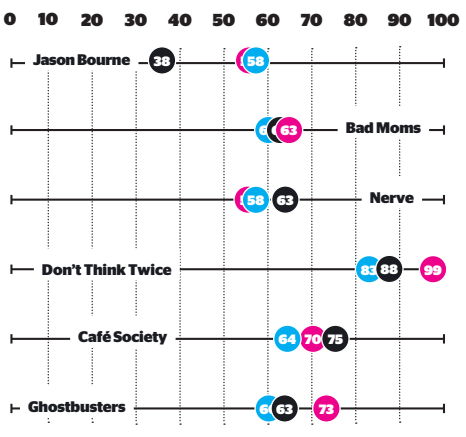

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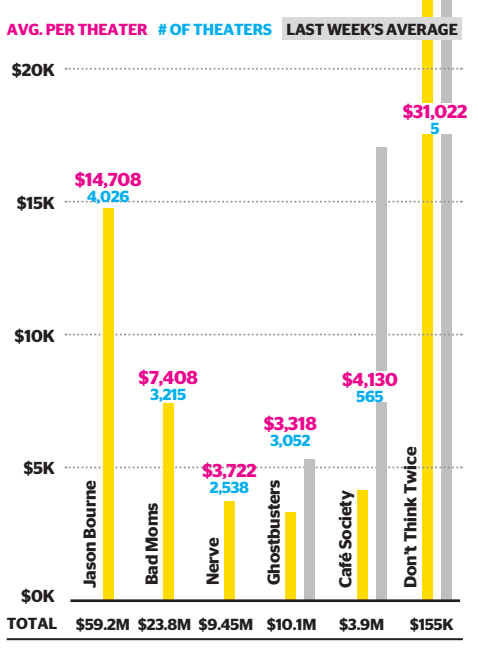

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There's a Chicago drummer on Netflix's 'Stranger Things'

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This week, I spent most of my free time watching Netflix's incredible new drama "Stranger Things," a scary and well-written show set in 1980s rural Indiana that perfectly captures pop culture ephemera from that decade with its synthwave soundtrack, Steven Spielberg-esque filmmaking and Stephen King-channeling screenwriting. I even took a sick day partially to get over a cold but mostly to make it through the last couple of episodes. It's so good.

Anyway, one of the best characters on the show is Steve Harrington, who could've fallen straight into the '80s douchebag, big-haired popular kid archetype but managed by the end of the series to be one of the most likable figures. He is played by Joe Keery, and throughout my Netflix binge, I couldn't stop thinking he looked familiar—and no, not because he resembled an Upside-Down world version of "Parks and Recreation's" Jean-Ralphio.

It turns out that Keery is a Chicago-based musician who plays drums in one of the city's best psych-rock bands, Post Animal. Being a music reporter for a local publication who's seen that band play before, I will forever be kicking myself for not figuring this out sooner—I even listened to that band's latest full-length, "Post Animal Perform the Most Curious Water Activities," on my Tuesday commute. Still, I didn't make the connection. Shout-out to national outlets Paper Mag and a kind of mean Broadly who beat me to the realization.

Anyway, Post Animal had one of my favorite local rock releases last year, and they're a super-solid live act as well—think if Tame Impala listened to a lot of Black Sabbath and were signed to Elephant 6.

Post Animal's next shows are in support of The Orwells for the garage-rockers' Midwest S***fest at 1st Ward at Chop Shop on Aug. 12 and 13 with The Symposium and Joe Bordenaro and the Late Bloomers. Buy tickets at **ticketfly.com**. You should go, not because one of the dudes is on a TV show but because it's a lineup of four great local acts.

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THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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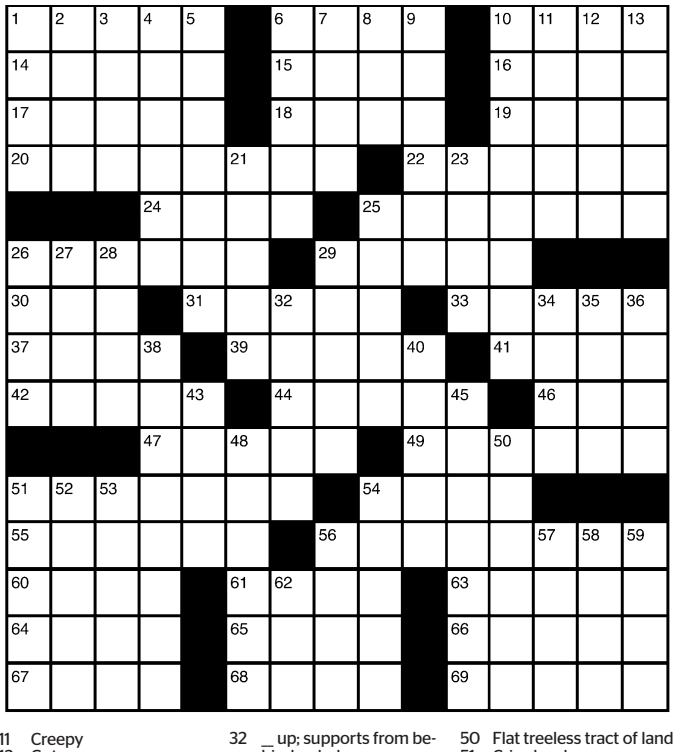
TODAY'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

FRIDAY
- Actress **Olivia Holt**, 19
- Actor **Jesse Williams**, 35
- Actress **Maureen McCormick**, 60

SATURDAY
- Actor **Leslie Odom Jr.**, 35
- Actress **Vera Farmiga**, 43
- Singer **Geri Halliwell**, 44

SUNDAY
- Actress **Charlize Theron**, 41
- Actress **Maggie Wheeler**, 55
- Actor **David Duchovny**, 56



ACROSS
1 Flings
6 Break the _ to; inform
10 Waterbird
14 Up to the time that
15 Hotpoint appliance
16 Rescuer
17 Gaze
18 Walk along the ocean's edge
19 Hilarious person
20 Deadly fishes
22 Reluctant
24 Turning point in WWII
25 Lost traction on ice
26 "Sesame _"
29 Prepared to be photographed
30 Cry of discovery
31 Fight off
33 Make rugs
37 Housekeeper
39 Hang limply
41 Club members' fees
42 Tough bodily tissue
44 First stage; beginning
46 Short rest
47 Casino game
49 Expensive
51 "Taps" players
54 Engrossed
55 On a diagonal
56 Admitted defeat
60 Day-to-day deterioration
61 Pancake house
63 Met production
64 Tempt; draw
65 Blister or boil
66 _ from; besides
67 Drove too fast
68 Kennedy and Koppel
69 Uptight

DOWN
1 Part of a tooth
2 Prefix for trust or anxiety
3 Night twinkler
4 Angry speech
5 Thin
6 "_, Jose!"
7 Gabor & others
8 Marry
9 Moves furtively
10 Like lettuce on a tostada
11 Creepy
12 Got up
13 Renowned
21 Despised
23 Look at
25 Songs for one
26 Houston and Donaldson
27 Bangkok native
28 April forecast
29 Lowly laborers
32 _ up; supports from behind or below
34 Female relative
35 Calf meat
36 Catch sight of
38 Stated publicly
40 Nut variety
43 Songbird
45 Outer garment
48 Manet or Goya
50 Flat treeless tract of land
51 Cries hard
52 Spend completely
53 Angry look
54 On the _; defenseless
56 Drape puller
57 College official
58 Makes a mistake
59 Go out with
62 Soil turner

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THE DIGIT

$100 million+

That's the budget for Ava DuVernay's upcoming film adaptation of "A Wrinkle in Time," making her the first woman of color to direct a live-action film with a budget over that number, according to the L.A. Times. Only two other women have worked at that budget level, Kathryn Bigelow (for "K-19: The Widowmaker") and Patty Jenkins (for the upcoming "Wonder Woman" movie). DuVernay celebrated the news on Twitter, writing, "Not the first capable of doing so. Not by a long shot. Thanks to **@DisneyStudios** for breaking this glass with me."

GETTY IMAGES AND AP PHOTOS

That's suitable

Ah yes, the news we've all been waiting for: USA Network's "Suits" has been renewed for a seventh season, according to **thr.com**. Less dark or cerebral than current hits "Mr. Robot" and "Queen of the South," it's now the network's longest-running drama.

THE QUOTE

"We're in an interesting time right now where people are exploring all kinds of different ideas of identity, not just masculinity or femininity. Maybe a whole new paradigm. I think that's great. Because a lot of people probably are marginalized still, and finding a sense of identity is critical to empowering people. For myself, I have never had a specific idea of masculinity. I think it's okay just to be yourself and whatever that entails. You know, I've certainly never felt required to present myself in a certain way."

—Jared Leto, in a recent interview with GQ Style. Leto added that Hollywood is still a "very conservative business," saying, "I definitely don't think a gay leading man would have the same opportunities as a straight leading man. ... Not for a single second."

Diverging paths

"Divergent" star Miles Teller isn't sure whether he'll return to film the franchise's last movie, according to **variety.com**. Like his co-star Shailene Woodley, he said he was surprised to learn of studio plans to turn the final film, "Ascendant," into a TV movie rather than a theatrical release, a decision that came after the third installment, "Allegiant," did poorly at the box office. Teller expressed disappointment at the change. "When we all signed on for the first one we had every intention of finishing it theatrically," he said. "We signed on for x amount of movies and you take that all into consideration. We wanted to see that storyline finish. You know, it's moving into a different format. So who knows?"

The trolls awaken

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" actress Daisy Ridley has reportedly deleted her Instagram account because of internet trolls, according to **thr.com**. The deletion came just days after Ridley posted a message on her Instagram and Facebook accounts expressing her support of those affected by gun violence. The post, which proved to be controversial, has also been deleted. Ridley has suffered abuse at the hands of commenters before on posts about body image and her struggles to keep her skin clear, leading many to speculate that she took a break from social media to escape the trolls. We hope she comes back soon.

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